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Dear Mr. DiNunno:

I want to thank you for taking the time to meet with the Department of Energy External Regulation Task Force on Friday, March 15, 1996. Your presentation to the Task Force was extremely helpful to me, and I believe the Task Force as a whole, in clarify a number of the issues associated with external regulation. Your discussion of regulatory approaches has given the Department Task Force valuable information to consider as our course of action and implementation package are prepared. We appreciate the time that you spent with us and the effort you clearly devoted to developing an insightful and well considered presentation.

Sincerely,

***Thomas P. Grumbly***  
Acting Under Secretary